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SUNDAY 03 DECEMBER 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

SUNDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST	WEEKEND & WEEKDAYS HOLY MASS TIMES			
The readings for the First Sunday in Advent are a call to be alert in waiting for the coming of the Lord. The first reading begs the Lord to return to us and save us. The psalm also asks God to look upon us and have mercy. The second reading calls us to remain steadfast in our discipleship. And in the gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful. Not everyone will be ready in the final hour. Are we ready and prepared to receive Him into our hearts? <i>Let's Prepare!</i>	Datchet	Sat 02	06.00pm	Jess G, Alan T, Nodlung RIP
	Eton	Sun 03	09.30am	Margaret Marcer RIP
	Datchet	Sun 03	11.00am	People of the Parish
	Datchet	Mon 04	09.30am	Deborah, Brian Woollard RIP
	Datchet	Tue 05	09.30am	Caroline Ansell RIP
	Datchet	Wed 06	09.30am	Ward Family Int
	Datchet	Thu 07	09.30am	Holy Souls
	Datchet	Fri 08	09.30am	Private Intention
Rosary: Twenty minutes prior to the Holy Mass	Confession: Any Weekday after the Mass or by appointment			
Benediction: Every Friday after 9.30am Mass.	Eucharistic Adoration: Weekdays before Mass from 8.30am			

TEA/COFFEE: This weekend, tea/coffee will be held after the 9.30am Mass in Eton. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY: 25 / 26 November 2023: Cash £221 SOs £190

SHOC (Slough Homeless Our Concern): There will be a second collection taken for SHOC next weekend.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Maria Cordosa, Maggie and Peter Darbin, Sheila Jones, Terri Nicoll, Fred Oufi, Nino Puma, Eithne Reynolds and Roger Stewart. If anyone would like to have a priest visit them or others who are sick, kindly speak to Fr. Shyju.

CONGRATULATIONS to Daisy Louise Bone, who was baptised last weekend, and also to Edward Rowell, James Holloway and Camilla Fitz who were confirmed last weekend in St. Augustine's.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: Our communal Penance Service in preparation for Christmas will be on **Tuesday 19 December from 6pm until 7pm** in St. Augustine's. We strongly encourage you to avail yourselves of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Personal Confession on this evening.

ADVENT ALIVE: Bishop David has sent copies of this book to help us prepare for Christmas. Please take a copy from the back of the Church.

CAROLS ON THE HILL with the Band of the Household Cavalry is being held at **6.15pm on Friday 8 December** by the Christmas Tree outside the King Henry VIII Gate of Windsor Castle.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT will take place at **12.15pm on Sunday 17 December** in St. Augustine's Hall. Please come along. It's a great way of bringing us all together and entering into the Christmas spirit. If you're attending, **please add your name to the list of the rear of the Church** as we need to know the number attending for catering purposes and also for setting up the Hall.

PLATINUM JUBILEE OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH: Our Chapel was established in 1923 and 2023-2024 is our Parish Centenary Jubilee Year. We are planning a Parish celebration with our Bishop on **SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024**. More details will follow, but in the meantime please save the date.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: A summary can be seen below and can also be found on the Parish website Mass Times page: <http://www.staugustines.org.uk/mass-times.html>

Tue 19 December	06:00 pm	Penitential Service -Confession	St. Augustine's
Sat 23 December	06.00 pm	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	St. Augustine's
Sun 24 December	09.30 am	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sun 24 December	11.00 am	Mass: 4th Sunday of Advent	St. Augustine's
<u>CHRISTMAS 2023</u>			
Sun 24 December	08.30 pm	Carols and Children's Nativity	St. Augustine's
	09:00 pm	Christmas Night Mass	St. Augustine's
Mon 25 December	09:00 am	Carol singing followed by:	Our Lady of Sorrows
	09:30 am	Christmas Morning Mass	Our Lady of Sorrows
	11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass	St. Augustine's

BISHOP DAVID'S ADVENT MESSAGES covering the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love will be released each week of Advent. A video of this week's message can be seen at <https://tinyurl.com/4ahcxrm> The message can also be read on the Parish website.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DATCHET will meet for prayers at 7.30pm on Thursday 7 December at The Bridge, near St. Mary's Church, Datchet. All are welcome

ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE is at 6.30pm on Sunday 10 December in St. Mary's Church, Datchet.

THE ROSARY is recited 20 minutes before all weekend Masses in Eton and Datchet. Please come to Mass early with your family and join in this prayer.

LOVE CHRISTMAS 2023: Caritas is inviting parishes and schools to partake in their Bags of Kindness campaign to provide people living in poverty and/or loneliness in the surrounding area, with gift bags. Please contact: caritas@northamptondiocese.org or the parish office for more information.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR FAMILIES will be held at 3pm on Sunday 10 December at Sacred Heart Church, Stopsley, Luton LU2 9AY. All are welcome to attend this joyful celebration.

THANK YOU FROM SLOUGH FOODBANK: *"We would like to thank you for your kind support and recent donations in October to Slough Foodbank. Your donation last month weighed a total of 67Kg. Each gift makes an enormous difference to families and individuals who are most in need in our local community."*

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FOODBANK

The need for donations of food and toiletries for the Slough Foodbank remains great. Please try and donate items to the Foodbank on a regular basis. Boxes for donations can be found in each Church.

The Foodbank's November Shopping List states the items needed are:

Food Urgent: tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, long life fruit juice, tinned carrots, long-life sponge puddings, long-life rice puddings / custard, cooking sauces, tea

Always required: long-life milk, instant mash

Please note they have a 12 month supply of PASTA. It is NOT NEEDED

Toiletries & Basic Items Urgent: washing up liquid, shampoo, deodorant, shaving foam/gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, size 5 nappies

Always required: toilet rolls, strong carrier bags